NOAA Nautical Charting Calendar

Midchannel Buoys

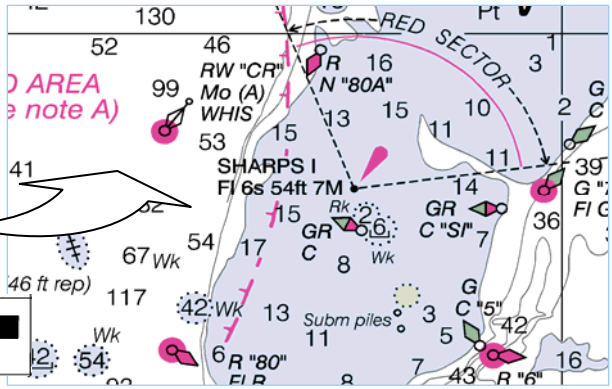
Buoys can be classified by location, e.g. channel, midchannel, middle ground, turning, fairway, bifurcation, junction or sea buoy. Midchannel buoys (also called fairway buoys) mark safe water at or near the center of the channel and can be passed on either side.

Physically these can be lighted (with a white light blinking the Morse "A") or unlighted, with either the characteristic shape of the lighted buoy or a spherical shape. They are vertically striped red and white.

Midchannel buoys are charted by the symbols shown in Section Q of Chart No. 1, with or without the magenta disc depending upon whether the buoy is lighted or not. The label would contain the color code RW (for red and white), and the identifying letter on the buoy in quotes, together with the light characteristic "Mo (A)" if appropriate.

Q *Buoys, Beacons*

Supplementary National Symbols		
a	BELL BELL	Bell buoy
b	GONG GONG	Gong buoy
c	WHIS WHIS	Whistle buoy
d	RW	Fairway buoy (RWVS)
e	RW	Midchannel buoy (RWVS)



10.9	Mo (A) Example	Mo (A)	*Morse Code*	

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